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1. SCICOUNS PASS TO KIRKE HARPER OF EPA AND US EXECSEC  
BILL BROWN FOR TRANSMITTAL DURING MID-YEAR REVIEW.

2. "DEAR ANATOLIY: IT IS WITH REGRET THAT I INFORM YOU OF  
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MY RESIGNATION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE US SIDE OF PROJECT VI-2,

"EFFECTS OF POLLUTANTS ON MARINE ORGANISMS." IN PART, MY DECISION IS BASED ON MY GROWING RESPONSIBILITIES AS DIRECTOR OF EPA'S ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LABORATORY HERE IN NARRAGANSETT. HOWEVER, I SHOULD BE FRANK IN SAYING THAT IT IS ALSO BASED ON THE FRUSTRATIONS WHICH I HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROJECT.

THE US SIDE IS APPRECIATIVE OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH YOU AND OUR OTHER SOVIET COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS HAVE MADE TO THE PROJECT. CERTAINLY THERE HAS BEEN SOME PROGRESS, AND A BETTER UNDERSTANDING ON EACH SIDE OF WHAT THE OTHER SIDE IS DOING. IN PARTICULAR, WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED FOR JOINT WORK WITH THE CRUISES OF

THE "MOSKOVSKIY UNIVERSITET" AND THE "MUSSON." AT THE SAME TIME OUR SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY FRUSTRATED BY THE LACK OF COMMUNICATION FROM THE SOVIET SIDE, WHICH MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT, INDEED IMPOSSIBLE, TO PROCEED WITH WORK IN A TIMELY AND MEANINGFUL WAY. MOST RECENTLY, WE NOTE THE PROBLEMS WITH PREPARATION AND TRANSMISSION OF PAPERS FOR OUR JOINT PUBLICATION AND FOR THE TWO SYMPOSIA SCHEDULED FOR THIS YEAR.

DR. THOMAS DUKE, DIRECTOR OF EPA'S ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LABORATORY IN GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA, HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE US SIDE FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. AS A RESULT OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU AND OUR OTHER SOVIET COLLEAGUES HE PERSONALLY BELIEVES THAT JOINT WORK CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT AND BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. WE PROPOSE THAT DR. DUKE COME TO THE SOVIET UNION TO MEET WITH YOU IN EARLY JULY TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE PROJECT AND TO AGREE ON A WORK PLAN FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR; WITH THE EXPLICIT UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY FURTHER CONTINUATION OF THE PROJECT WILL BE DEPENDENT ON THE RESULTS OF THAT YEAR AND A VERY MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. DR. DUKE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU AS SOON AS HE CAN DETERMINE WHEN HE COULD COME.

IT WAS A BLOW TO PARTICIPATE ON BOTH SIDES THAT THE  
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SCHEDULED SYMPOSIUM IN PUERTO RICO HAD TO BE POSTPONED FOR REASONS WHICH WERE BEYOND YOUR CONTROL OR MINE. IT IS NOW THE END OF APRIL AND WE STILL HAVE NOT HEARD FROM THE SOVIET SIDE WITH DETAILS OF THE CHEMICAL MONITORING SYMPOSIUM AND WORKING MEETING WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR JUNE IN THE USSR. IN FACT, THE LAST WORD WE HAVE RECEIVED IS A CABLE FROM OUR EMBASSY ON MARCH 26 REPORTING A CONVERSATION WITH YURI KAZAKOV IN WHICH HE

SAID THAT YOU WERE PREPARING A LETTER TO ME. UNFORTU-  
NATELY, DR. TUREKIAN CAN NO LONGER HOLD THE US  
PARTICIPANTS TO THEIR COMMITMENTS AT THIS LATE DATE,  
AND SO THE MEETING WILL HAVE TO BE POSTPONED.

IN SPITE OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED,  
THE US SIDE IS STILL HOPEFUL THAT THE BASIC GOALS OF  
THE PROJECT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED, AND THAT THE SYMPOSIA  
AND WORKING MEETINGS CAN BE RESCHEDULED FOR SOME FUTURE  
DATE, SO THAT WE CAN PREPARE THE UNIFIED REPORT MENTIONED  
IN THE MEMORANDUM OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL  
MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE. I WILL CONTINUE TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT, SUPPORTING DR. DUKE'S EFFORT

AS APPROPRIATE, AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND MY  
OTHER FRIENDS IN THE FUTURE. WITH BEST PERSONAL WISHES,  
ERIC D. SCHNEIDER"

3. FOR HARPER AND BROWN: CARL GERBER REQUESTED DUKE  
POSTPONE MEETING WITH SIMONOV FROM JUNE TO JULY SO THAT  
A) GERBER COULD PARTICIPATE, ASSUMING THAT HE IS IN USSR  
WITH CORTESI DELEGATION AND B) IN VIEW OF TRAVEL CEILINGS  
IN CURRENT QUARTER. MAW

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